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**SUGGESTED DEADLINES FOR INITIATIVE MEASURE TO QUALIFY FOR THE
MARCH 2, 2004, PRIMARY ELECTION BY FULL CHECK**

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December 3, 2002	Suggested last day for proponent to submit proposed measure to the Attorney General and request title and summary.
January 24, 2003 (15 days) (25 w. days)	Attorney General prepares and issues title and summary and proponent may begin circulation of petition (includes time allotted for fiscal analysis).
June 24, 2003 (150 days)	Last day for proponent to file petition with county elections official.
July 7, 2003 (8 w. days)	Last day for county elections official to complete raw count totals and certify raw numbers to the Secretary of State.
July 14, 2003 (9 days)	Last day for Secretary of State to receive raw count total from each county elections official, determine whether initiative petitions meet the minimum signature requirement, generate random sample and notify each county elections official of results.
August 25, 2003 (30 w. days)	Last day for county elections official to verify and certify results of the random sampling of signatures to the Secretary of State.
September 4, 2003 (10 days)	Last day for Secretary of State to determine whether initiative petition qualifies for the ballot or 100% signature verification is necessary.
October 20, 2003 (30 w. days)	Last day for county elections official to certify to the Secretary of State results of the 100% signature check.
October 23, 2003 (4 days)	Last day for the Secretary of State to determine whether initiative qualifies for the ballot. (E-131)

Note: days = calendar days w. days = working days

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January 22, 2003	Suggested last day for proponent to submit proposed measure to the Attorney General and request title and summary.
March 17, 2003 (15 days) (25 w. days)	Attorney General prepares and issues title and summary and proponent may begin circulation of petition (includes time allotted for fiscal analysis).
August 14, 2003 (150 days)	Last day for proponent to file petition with county elections official.
August 26, 2003 (8 w. days)	Last day for county elections official to complete raw count totals and certify raw numbers to the Secretary of State.
September 4, 2003 (9 days)	Last day for Secretary of State to receive raw count total from each county elections official, determine whether initiative petitions meet the minimum signature requirement, generate random sample and notify each county elections official of results.
October 20, 2003 (30 w. days)	Last day for county elections official to verify and certify results of the random sampling of signatures to the Secretary of State.
October 23, 2003 (4 days)	Last day for Secretary of State to determine whether initiative qualifies for the ballot or 100% signature verification is necessary. (E-131)

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August 5, 2003	Suggested last day for proponent to submit proposed measure to the Attorney General and request title and summary.
September 26, 2003 (15 days) (25 w. days)	Attorney General prepares and issues title and summary and proponent may begin circulation of petition (includes time allotted for fiscal analysis).
February 25, 2004 (150 days)	Last day for proponent to file petition with county elections official.
March 8, 2004 (8 w. days)	Last day for county elections official to complete raw count totals and certify raw numbers to the Secretary of State.
March 15, 2004 (9 days)	Last day for Secretary of State to receive raw count total from each county elections official, determine whether initiative petitions meet the minimum signature requirement, generate random sample and notify each county elections official of results.
April 27, 2004 (30 w. days)	Last day for county elections official to verify and certify results of the random sampling of signatures to the Secretary of State.
May 7, 2004 (10 days)	Last day for Secretary of State to determine whether initiative petition qualifies for the ballot or 100% signature verification is necessary.
June 21, 2004 (30 w. days)	Last day for county elections official to certify to the Secretary of State results of the 100% signature check.
June 24, 2004 (4 days)	Last day for the Secretary of State to determine whether initiative qualifies for the ballot. (E-131)

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September 25, 2003	Suggested last day for proponent to submit proposed measure to the Attorney General and request title and summary.
November 18, 2003 (15 days) (25 w. days)	Attorney General prepares and issues title and summary and proponent may begin circulation of petition (includes time allotted for fiscal analysis).
April 16, 2004 (150 days)	Last day for proponent to file petition with county elections official.
April 28, 2004 (8 w. days)	Last day for county elections official to complete raw count totals and certify raw numbers to the Secretary of State.
May 7, 2004 (9 days)	Last day for Secretary of State to receive raw count total from each county elections official, determine whether initiative petitions meet the minimum signature requirement, generate random sample and notify each county elections official of results.
June 21, 2004 (30 w. days)	Last day for county elections official to verify and certify results of the random sampling of signatures to the Secretary of State.
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